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Philip Jaisohn

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■ About Me My Korean name is Seo Jae-pil, and I am the first Korean to be naturalized as a citizen of the United States. I was the youngest Korean to pass the Civil Service Examination in 1882. I obtained American citizenship in 1890. I earned a medical degree and opened a private office in 1894. I began to publish The Independent. I founded the Independence Club in 1896, built the Independence Hall in 1897, and erected the Independence Gate in 1987. I started a public forum, 'All People's Congress.' After receiving the news of nationwide resistance in Korea, I convened the First Korean Congress in Philadelphia in 1919. I established the Korea Information Bureau in 1919. With Reverend Floyd Tomkins, I founded the League of Friends of Korea in Philadelphia, which expanded to Paris and London. I published the five research articles in pathology journals in 1929 to 1934. During World War II, I volunteered as a physical examination officer for the US Army. Finally in 1945, I was awarded a medal from the US Congress in honor of contribution to the US Army. ■ Sex Male ■ Birthday January 7, 1864 ■ Birth City Boseong County, Korea ■ Hometown Seoul, Korea ■ Current City Seoul, Korea ■ Political Views Democracy ■ Languages English, Korean, Chinese, Japanese ■ Studied at Keio Gijuku, Toyama Army Academy, Harry Hillman Academy ■ Studied Medicine at George Washington University, University of Pennsylvania ■ Worked at The Independent (독립신문), Jeans Hospital, St. Joseph Hospital, Charleston General Hospital, Chester Hospital, Wistar Institute at the University of Pennsylvania, Philip Jaisohn & Co. in Philadelphia, ■ Interested In Women ■ Relationship Married to Muriel Armstrong ■ Daughters Stephanie Jaisohn, Muriel Jaisohn ■ Interests Medicine, Korea's Independence, Korean Congress in Philadelphia ■ Hobbies Translating medical books into English, Supporting the independence of Korea, Traveling between Korea and the United States ■ Looking for Supporters of the independence of Korea ■ Likes Newspapers, The Independent, Dong-A Ilbo, Chosun Ilbo, Shin Min, New Korea (Shin Han Min Bo), Peace & Liberty, Independence Club, Independence Hall, Korea Information Bureau Independence Gate, New Korea, US Army, New-Ilhan & Co. ■ Dislikes Separation of Korea, Communism, Bankruptcy

Friends [add]



Kim Ok-kyun



Muriel Armstrong



John Welles Hollenback



Harold Deemer



Reverend Floyd Tomkins



Seo Kwang-hyo



Seo Kwang-ha



Park Young-hyo



Soh Kwang-bum



George Buchanan Armstrong



Stephanie Jaisohn



Muriel Jaisohn



Yu Ilhan



Philip Jaisohn

I have returned to the United States after attempting a run at presidency. In Korea, I was Chief Advisor to the US Military Government and a member of the Korean Interim Legislative Assembly. I believe my efforts toward democracy and the unification of Korea were significant. This is not the end but the beginning of the changes in the views of the Korean Government and of the Korean people.

September 11, 1948 | comment



Philip Jaisohn

is volunteering as a physical examination officer for the US Army.

1942 | comment



Philip Jaisohn I really wish that World War II ends soon... I don't want to see people getting injured anymore.

1945



Stephanie Jaisohn

Dad, we will never forget your love towards mom, and I am sure that she won't forget either.

January 5, 1941 | comment



Muriel Jaisohn Let's never forget how great she was to all of us...

January 5, 1941



Reverend Floyd Tomkins Muriel is resting in peace now. I will continue to pray your family so that you may also find peace with this natural part of life.

January 7, 1941



Philip Jaisohn

has entered the Medical School of the University of Pennsylvania.

1926 | comment

Yu Ilhan



Philip, are you interested in setting up a business with me? Let's meet soon!

May 5, 1925 | comment



Philip Jaisohn Sure, why not! I really need to focus on a new business plan to get my mind off from the bankruptcy last year of Philip Jaisohn & Co.

May 6, 1925




Yu Ilhan How about we name it New-Ilhan & Co.?


May 6, 1925



Philip Jaisohn That sounds great. I will help you set it up.

May 7, 1925


Reverend Floyd Tomkins



I just heard that you were appointed as the vice-representative to the Washington Naval Conference by the Korean Provisional Government in Shanghai. Congratulations!

September 29, 1921 | [comment](#)


Philip Jaisohn likes this.
 



Philip Jaisohn Thank you Reverend, you are a great friend! I am going to visit you in Philadelphia with Muriel soon.
 


September 29, 1921



Philip Jaisohn



After the Koreans march together in Philadelphia. Tag yourself!

April 16, 1919 | [comment](#)


Philip Jaisohn



I was convicted of treason, and now I have to leave Korea for the safety of my life. The Korean Government is accusing me and my Independence Club of trying to replace the monarchy with a republic.


1898 | [comment](#)


Philip Jaisohn




I just moved to my new home where I plan to live for many years. Come at visit my family! Our door is always open.

1894 | [comment](#)


George Buchanan Armstrong What's the address of your new house? I want to visit you this Saturday.
 


1898


Philip Jaisohn It is located at 100 East Lincoln Street in Media, Pennsylvania. We will be waiting for you.
 


1898


Muriel Armstrong Yes, Dad! I will prepare your favorite meals.
 



1898


Philip Jaisohn




The proceeds from my successful libel suit against Chong Song-u should be contributed to the fund for the Independence Arch.

1897 | [comment](#)




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Philip Jaisohn



This is the first edition of the The Independent to be published. I am so excited to see my work on my hands.

April 7, 1896 | [comment](#)


Park Young-hyo likes this.
 



Park Young-hyo Congrats! You have come a long way from working in a furniture store.
 


April 7, 1896


Philip Jaisohn



I am on a date with Muriel Armstrong. We stopped to take a picture in front of the hotel where we first met each other.

June 20, 1894 | [comment](#)


Muriel Armstrong, Kim Ok-kyun, Seo Kwang-hyo, Seo Kwang-ha, and 3 other friends likes this.
 



Philip Jaisohn



I am finally graduating from the Medical School at Columbian University.

1892 | [comment](#)



Philip Jaisohn



I joined facebook because I want to create awareness and help in making Korea an independent country. I will do my best in leading and supporting this cause. Another goal is to find friends to support the independence movement in Korea so that I can gain political power. This power will be used towards my plans to run for presidency.

1892 | [comment](#)